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1. [Redacted] about twenty Soviet citizens appeared in Chaoyanghsien (120-26, 41-34), stating that their purpose was to investigate the Pei Piao (北票) coal mines. The people of Chaoyanghsien believe that they were military personnel.
25X1 Comment: During the Manchukuo regime, coal from the Pei Piao mines was used in the manufacture of steel by the Showa Steel Works in Anshan /122-57, 41-04/.)

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2. [Redacted] eighteen Soviet citizens dressed in plain clothes appeared in the streets of Chaoyanghsien under the protection of Chinese Communist soldiers. The purpose of their activities is not known, but they have told refugees leaving Chaoyanghsien that the Chinese Communists intended no harm to the populace and that the refugees should return to their homes and their work.

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